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SUBJECT: HCOC: Vietnam Still Not Ready

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1. (SBU) In response to Ref A's points, MFA Department of International Organizations nonproliferation specialist Vu Van Mien said April 26 that Vietnam is still studying subscribing to the HCOC, but has "no plans to sign it in the near future." In principle, Vietnam supports the goals of the HCOC. However, "human resource issues" and a concern that the GVN already has a full plate keeping up with its other multilateral nonproliferation commitments, including the preparation of annual reports, are the primary obstacles to Vietnam's taking a more proactive stance, Mien said.

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